

# Youth Makes Its Splash in the Torrance Social Swim



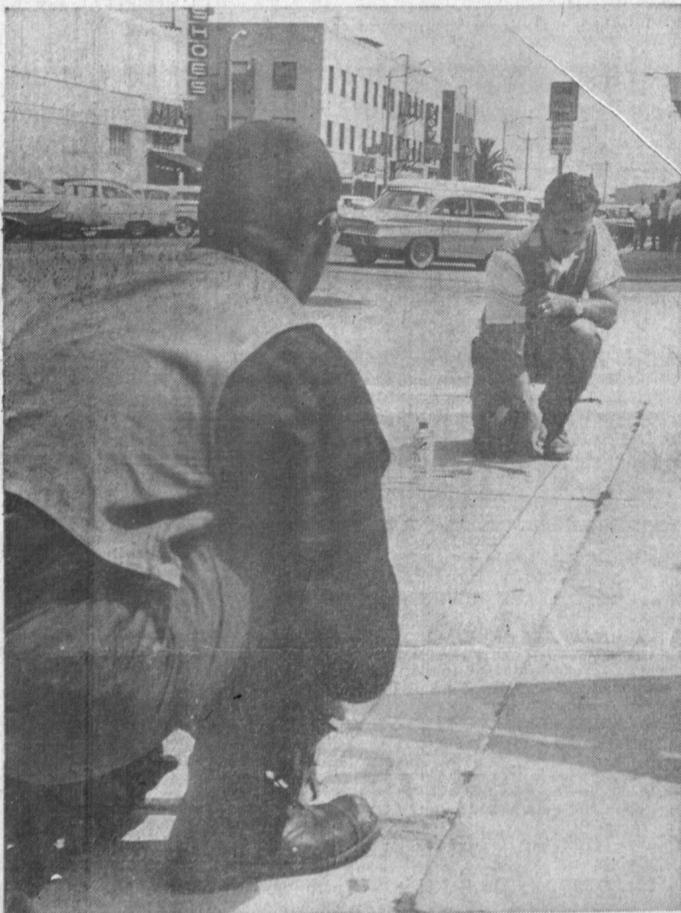
**ALL PEACEFUL** so far for two-year-olds David Olivas and Karen Anna Fix as they take advantage of spring's first real warm spell last week. Mrs. Ralph Fix of 22112 Nicolle Ave., Torrance, sent these pictures to The Press, saying she likes them because they tell the story of youngsters on a spring day. They certainly do.

**WE COULD** liven things up a bit, says Karen, as she decides her playmate isn't wet enough yet. She raises her hand as sort of a signal that she's not going to let David duck the issue. In fact, he's all wet if he thinks things are going to stay as peaceful as they seem. Just watch Karen go into action in the next panel.

**HERE'S TO YA, Davie,** my boy, Karen exults, as she shows him her cup runneth over—right on top of his head. David needs time to think about whether he likes this kind of treatment. The "shock" makes him drop his beach ball in the water, and he wonders if he's going to run into women like this all his life.

**ALL RIGHT,** if you feel that way, David says, I'm going to take things into my own hands. What's sauce for the gander is sauce for the goose. Here, have a handful of water. If I'm going to shower you with gifts, now's as good a time as any to begin—fun, huh, Karen Anne?

## New Look for Downtown



**DIAMOND CONCRETE CUTTER** is operated by Joe Ramirez as Torrance's downtown business district "facelifting" operation begins this week. City Council allotted \$108,782 contract to

Electric and Machinery Service Inc. Mayor Albert Isen called for a cleanup and paintup campaign by merchants to accompany the rebuilding program.



**GRADE LINE** is made by city employes Roy Bush and Jerry Morris as first step in modernization program for downtown Torrance business district. Streets to be widened include Cravens, Sar-

tori, El Prado, Marcelina, Engracia and Gramercy. Intersections will be redesigned to eliminate swales and to improve catch basins for storm waters. —PRESS photos.

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# ARMED FORCES PARADE NEARS

## Torrance Will Host Gala Fete

Regular Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine and Coast Guard units from throughout the Southland will be leading off the fourth annual Torrance Armed Forces Day Parade, Saturday, May 18, General Chairman Fred Rathert announced today.

They will be followed by National Guard and Reserve elements, Naval and Air Force ROTC units, and a host of non-military marching units, he said.

Heading the parade column will be the parade grand marshal, Norman S. Paul, assistant secretary of defense, from Washington, D.C. In the front of the procession, along with Secretary Paul, will be Mayor Albert Isen, Miss Torrance of 1963, Marlene Norsoph, and other dignitaries and outstanding personalities.

Representing the regular military will be Army units from Fort MacArthur, including the 72nd U.S. Army Band, and troop units from the garrison and the 47th Artillery Brigade. Their equipment will include the Nike Hercules air defense missile.

Other military bands will be the 523rd Air Force band from March Air Force Base in San Bernardino, the El Toro Marine band, the 40th Armored Division band of the California National Guard, and the 63rd Infantry Division band, a Los Angeles area unit of the Army Reserve. All of the bands will be followed by large troop units.

A total of 19 bands have already been committed to the parade, including many crack high school and youth groups, Rathert said. Many novelty-type marching units will be in the parade to please both the young and old alike, he added.

Several of the units have been in the parade from previous years. They are returning again this year.

Parade officials have said that this is to be the largest civic-sponsored event in the Western U.S. this year. Previous Torrance Armed Forces parades have attracted thousands from communities in the southland.



**BALLET SOLOIST** for the Civic Symphony's May Festival performance will be Belinda Ortega. Program takes place Friday night at Redondo High auditorium.

## Civic Symphony Set for Friday

The Civic Symphony of the South Bay and Torrance invites all art-lovers to join in the celebration of its 15th annual May Festival of the Arts in Redondo High School next Friday. The symphony-ballet program is at 8:15 p.m. The art show is from 4 p.m. on.

The symphony created and developed the May Festival to display the talents and abilities of local musicians and artists. Professional artists are also brought in to inspire and further local creative talents. The orchestra, also, welcomes all symphony-minded musicians to join them any Monday at 7:45 p.m. at Redondo High music hall for rehearsal.

Under the direction of Elyse Aehle, who originated the Arts Festival, the Civic Symphony will present a program to top the critically acclaimed presentations of the past year.

**Music for Ballet**  
The program features music written for the ballet. It will include the overture to the ballet "Prometheus" by Ludwig van Beethoven, and "Night on Bald Mountain," composed by Moussorgsky, but orchestrated by Rimsky-

Korsakov after the composer's untimely death.

Moussorgsky wrote this "program" for this dramatic work: "Subterranean sounds of supernatural voices—appearance of the spirits of darkness, followed by Satan himself—satanic revels. At the height of the orgies the bell of the village church sounding disperses the spirits of darkness—daybreak."

After a greeting by Symphony President Jan Darian, the orchestra will play the nostalgic favorite the overture to the "Mikado" by Sir Arthur Sullivan.

**American Dances**  
The orchestra part of the program closes with three American dances written by composers who have made U.S. music famous through-

out the world—the elaborate variations on "Pop Goes the Weasel" by Lucien Calliet, "Bell of the Ball" by Leroy Anderson, and the brilliant and difficult "Hoe-down" from "Rodeo" by Aaron Copeland.

The ballet group which was so popular last year will again appear, now under the name of the De Rea Ballet. Hanging throughout the halls of the high school auditorium will be the specially selected art works of professional and amateur local artists.

Admission is free. For seats in the reserved section write to Civic Symphony, 1617 Via Montemar, Palos Verdes Estates, or call FR 5-2744. A donation of \$1 is suggested for each.

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